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Attended hearing, U. S. District Court, Judge Morris presiding, on motion of Department of Justice for an order granting immediate occupancy of the Riverside Stadium on request of General Services Administration for CIA. CIA's interest was mentioned in passing but was not made an issue. No discussion of CIA's proposed use took place except to mention that space was required. The motion was objected to on the technical ground that the court could not order immediate occupancy in the absence of statutes specifically granting this right to the Administrator, GSA. Justice contended that immediate occupancy was inherent in the sovereign power of condemnation and needed no specific Congressional approval. Judge Morris pointed out that in any case the Government would acquire a leasehold in the property, but reserved judgment on whether he could grant immediate occupancy.

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